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**RETURN OF SERVICE**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Northern District of Texas

Case Number: 3:24-CV-2392-D

Plaintiff: **BASIL M. HANTASH**

vs.

Defendant: **JAMES WILLIAM BYRD, JOSHUA  
MATTHEW WEARMOUTH, WALDON  
FENSTER, DANIEL FERNANDES ROJO  
FILHO, HERIBERTO CANDELARIO  
PEREZ VALDES, DEAL EXCHANGE,  
LLC, SOTERIA GROUP, LLC, and  
NORDIC TRUST ALLIANCE KB, LLC**

For:

Champion LLP  
2200 Ross Avenue Suite 4500 W  
Dallas, TX 75201

Received by Sara Brucia on the 19th day of March, 2025 at 11:39 am to be served on **Linda Byrd  
Administrator of the Estate of James William Byrd, 8600 FM 2609, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches  
County, TX 75965.**

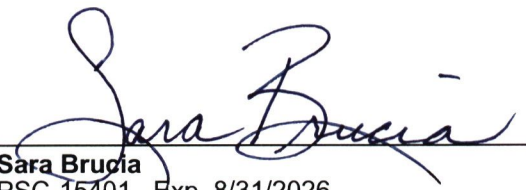
I, Sara Brucia, do hereby affirm that on the **20th day of March, 2025 at 3:52 pm, I:**

delivered a true and correct copy of the **SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION with ORIGINAL COMPLAINT  
and ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION** with the date of  
service endorsed thereon by me, to **Linda Byrd Administrator of the Estate of James William Byrd**, in  
person, at **8600 FM 2609, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, TX 75965.**

I have no interest in the above action, and am a Process Server, in good standing, in the judicial circuit in  
which the process was served.

My name is Sara Brucia. I am at least 18 years old, and my address is 858 CR 753, Nacogdoches, TX  
75964 in Nacogdoches County U.S.A. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and  
correct.

Executed in Nacogdoches County, State of Texas.

  
Sara Brucia  
PSC-15401 Exp. 8/31/2026  
3/21/2025

Date

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AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
Northern District of Texas

Hantash

*Plaintiff*

v.

Byrd et al

*Defendant*

Civil Action No. 3:24-cv-02392-D

**Summons in a Civil Action**

**TO:** Linda Byrd, Administrator of the Estate of James William Byrd  
8600 FM 2609 Nacogdoches, Texas  
75965

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) -- or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2) or (3) -- you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Austin Champion  
2200 Ross Avenue  
Suite 4500W  
Dallas, TX 75201

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT



Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

DATE: 03/17/2025



Civil Action No. 3:24-cv-02392-D

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
was received by me on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

☐ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,  
on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

☐ I served the summons on *(name of individual)* \_\_\_\_\_, who is designated  
by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_; or

☐ I returned the summons unexecuted because \_\_\_\_\_; or

☐ other *(specify)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My fees are \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for travel and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for services, for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Server's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name and title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Server's address

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